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1	2	3	4
Gujarat	1298.5	1.9	2700
Haryana	9293.2	13.3	3847
Himachal Pradesh	513.2	0.7	1871
Jammu & Kashmir	365.5	05	1790
Jharkhand	118.2	0.2	1448
Karnataka	173.1	0.2	684
Madhya Pradesh	6067.0	8.7	1613
Maharashtra	960.6	1.4	1379
Meghalaya	3.9	Negligible	*
Nagaland	15.0	Negligible	*
Orissa	8.4	Negligible	1667
Punjab	14882.4	21.3	4179
Rajasthan	5679.3	8.1	2761
Skkim	9.0	Negligible	*
Tripura	2.9	Negligible	*
Uttar Pradesh	24471.9	35.1	2572
Uttaranchal	749.5	1.1	1604
West Bengal	946.9	1.4	2283
D&N Haveli	1.1	Negligible	*
Delhi	88.5	0.1	*
ALL INDIA:	69800.2	99.9	2607

\$ 4th advance estimates as on 15.07.2006

* Not available at the advance estimates stage.

Production of GM crops

†272. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in different parts of the country the productbn of Genetically Modified Crops in being done on experimental basis in the fields;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the names of the crops with which such experiment is being done in the country alongwith the details of production rate of each crops; and

(c) the names of the States in which these crops are being grown on experimental basis and who is responsible for monitoring the production related activities of these crops and where?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) to (c) The Department of Biotechnology, Government of India is the nodal department for biotechnology research including Genetically Modified Crops. There is no such programme on production of Genetically Modified Crops being done on experimental basis in the fields. However, as per the regulatory requirements, experimental field trials on the 12 crops are being conducted for research purpose, during 2006 in different States. The details of crops and States are given in the Statement (See below).—

The Monitoring and Evaluation Committee of Review Committee of Genetic Manipulation (RCGM), constituted by the Department of Biotechnology, Government of India monitors the regulatory experimental field trials.

Statement

State-wise details of genetically modified crops

Sl.No.	Crops	States
1	2	3
1.	Brinjal	Delhi, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh
2.	Cabbage	Haryana, Himachal Pradesh
3.	Castor	Andhra Pradesh
4.	Cauliflower	Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Punjab, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh
5.	Corn	Punjab, Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Maharashtra, Bihar, Tamil Nadu
6.	Cotton	Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu
7.	Groundnut	Andhra Pradesh

1	2	3
8.	Mustard	Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Uttaranchal, Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, Gujarat
9.	Okra	Haryana, Rajasthan Maharashtra, Gujarat, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, Kamataka, Tamil Nadu
10.	Potato	Himachal Pradesh
11.	Rice	Delhi, Tamil Nadu
12.	Tomato	Delhi, Kamataka

Self sufficiency in wheat production

†273. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that, in order to meet the demand for supply of wheat for consumption in the country, it is, necessary to increase the production of wheat;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether Government have formulated any plan to make the country self sufficient in the supply, of wheat in order to meet the demand; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time-frame fixed for achieving the target of self sufficiency?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) to (d) The Government of India has sensitized the States to the need for increasing area under wheat and enhancing productivity by timely sowing and optimum use of inputs for making country self-sufficient in production of wheat and to meet the demands for consumption in the country. For popularizing the improved package of practices amongst the farmers, 48,000 quintal quality seeds of improved varieties of wheat has been allocated to different States during 2006-07.

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